happening due to lack of farsighted policy of them. All these things are happening due to lack of farsighted policy of the Governments. As a result, the sugarcane producers, particularly in Uttar Pradesh are facing many problems and it seems that their condition is likely to be worsened in the coming time whereas it was considered that the sugarcane crop is a cash crop. Earlier, farmers used to get good prices for their sugarcane and their expenses used to be met with this money but now cost of production is increasing whereas the farmers are not getting good prices for their sugarcane. It seems that the central Government is certainly acting in connivance with the industrialists and it is not concerned about the problems of the farmers of the country. Though, the hon'ble Prime Minister considers himself as a well wisher of the farmers, yet he has also not resolved this problem. Inspite of his promises made in the election manifesto and his visit to Uttar Pradesh, the problems of the farmers have remained unsolved.

Through you, I would like to urge upon the Central Government to find a firm and permanent solution to this problem. In case, the Government does not resolve this problem this year, sugar mills will not function next year and the farmers will certainly have to burn their sugarcane crop this year. The Government should ensure that the entire sugarcane crop will be purchased and the outstanding payment of the farmers will be made in this very season otherwise it will be very painful thing to the farmers of Uttar Pradesh. We have been raising this point continuously since this Government come into existence but it is unfortunate that the Government is not deciding any clear directives in this regard. I would like to submit to you that you should issue instructions to the Government in this regard and a clear picture of the case should be presented before the farmers of Uttar Pradesh as well as the whole country. Thank you very much for giving me time...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : I will call names of those Members who have given the notices.

SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH (Jahanabad): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to raise a very important issue. Recently, houses of many people have been demolished in Delhi due to which they have become homeless and come on roads. These people are staging a 'dharana' on Janter-Manter road for the last 40 days. First of all, I would like to tell the Government that the land in question belongs to the Government of Delhi and the houses constructed on that land are 20-30 years old. The Government should have taken steps at the time when these houses were being constructed as it was Government land and all the concerned officers were present there and all the Departments were functioning. Why did the Government not stop it? The fact is that earlier, this land was sold by the landlords to the Government and when even after passing of 40 years, the Government did not make a use of this land, it was further sold to the poor people and they made their houses on the land and thereafter the Government had awakened. The Government has demolished thousands of houses and as a result, thousands of peoples have come on roads and they are staging dharna on Janter Manter road for the last 40 days. Sir, my submission is whether the Government would assure the people who are staging dharna that no further demolition would be done and compensation would be given to those people whose houses have been demolished. Thousands of people, including women, children and youngsters are sitting on dharna. My submission to the Government is as to why the houses of poor people have been demolished when the Government claims that it is the Government of the poor and that it would protect the interests of the poor?...*(Interruptions)* I have said that the Government of Delhi is not able to protect the interests of the people. This is the State subject. I would like to submit that claim of the Central Government to be the Government of the poor should be put through its facings in this very House. If it is really a Government of the poor, it should ensure that it would not do such acts in future.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Please do not repeat anything. Only those Members will speak whose names have been included in the list.

SHRI RAM NAIK (Mumbai-North) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Minister of Railways Shri Ram Vilas Paswan went to Ahmedabad on 16th November ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please do not speak until your turn comes. When I call you, then only you speak. If I allow you to speak others will also start speaking.

[English]

Please sit down.

[Translation]

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI (Sitamarhi) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, it is very necessary. The people are sitting on dharna for the last 40 days...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Nothing will go on record. No, it will not go on record.

*(Interruptions)**

[Translation]

SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV (Patna) : Please give directives to the Government...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Have you given notice? Please sit down.

SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV : Yes, Sir, I have given notice.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Your name has not appeared in the list.

SHRI RAM NAIK : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Minister of Railways Shri Ram Vilas Paswan went to

* Not Recorded.

Ahmedabad on 16th November and he made an announcement there that the Headquarters of Western Railway, which is at present in Mumbai, would be shifted to Ahemdabad. Mumbai is an important business and industrial city where a great resentment has emerged among the people after this announcement. I would like to tell the Government that keeping in view the fact that Mumbai is a business and industrial sector it should not act like this. If it is necessary, a new division can be opened at Ahmedabad but shifting of Headquarters from Mumbai would not be a good step. Besides this, my another demand is that a new zone may be made for suburban Railway which the Government is not doing. Instead Hqrs. of Western Railway is being shifted which is not correct. The people of Mumbai will strongly protest against this decision and we will also be compelled to launch an agitation. Therefore, my submission is that the Minister of Railways should discuss this issue with MPs of Mumbai before taking any step. Further, I urge upon the hon'ble Railway Minister to give a statement here in this regard.

[English]

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI (Deogarh) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, as you are ware India, although has its problem of poverty, is a prestigious nation in the Comity of nations and it plays a very important role also in international affairs, particularly with regard to world peace. Many countries look forward to India for leadership in this respect. But it is a matter of concern that India suffered a very humiliating defeat in the recently held election to the non-permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council. It has very adversely affected our nation's prestige and dignity and definitely, that way the Government of India owes an explanation to the people of the nation through this Parliament.

Sir, we we given a different type of impression by the Ministry of External Affairs that India was enjoying a very comfortable position so far as this election was concerned. In respect of C.T.B.T. the Government of India took a very good stand and that also had its reaction in different quarters. The Government of India, particularly the Ministry of External Affairs should have been very careful so far as its assessment with regard to this election was concerned. I want to know why things had gone wrong. In the diplomatic sphere we failed so miserably that India could not succeed in this election; but we also got a very insignificant support from different nations and definitely it is humiliating for a nation of India's stature.

Therefore, it should not be taken lightly. We would like to know as to why it happened, what are the circumstances that led to this type of situation, who was responsible for this, what action is being taken and what is the attitude of the Government of India now towards this. This should be told to the nation in very clear terms, particularly to Parliament. So, I would request you to direct the Government of India to come forward with a detailed statement before the House about this matter.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Minister of External Affairs has written a letter in this regard and he will make a statement on this issue. In the Business Advisory Committee also this was discussed and we can also discuss this issue here.

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : Let there be a discussion.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : There will be a discussion.

[Translation]

SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE (Jabalpur) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, 39 factories are engaged in the production of defence equipments in India in which lakhs of workers are working. For the past few years overtime has been stopped in these factories due to which condition of workers has worsened to a great extent. There are some employees who give loan to other employees and labourers of these factories at the rate of 10 to 15 per cent per month. The method of recovery of loan which these money-lenders adopt is very dangerous. On salary day, as soon as labourer comes out of factory, money is snatched away from them due to which many labourers have committed suicide. In Jabalpur, 5 such incidents of suicide have come to the notice during the last one month. These money-lenders employees have created the same atmosphere all over the country.

I would like to submit that the Ministry of Defence should ponder over this situation and formulate any such policy so that money-lender employees can be expelled from service and labourers can be saved from committing suicide.

SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT (Agra) : Sir, recently, heavy floods was experienced in Uttar Pradesh due to breaking of Gowardhan nullah of Rajasthan. Water was released into this nullah from Haryana also which caused devastation in Mathura, Agra and Ferozabad districts. The Government of Uttar Pradesh had submitted an emergent and longterm scheme involving Rs. 300 crore for relief works but the Central Government has not given any funds for the completion of that scheme till today and has only asked to take measures for making ex-gratia payment from the Calamity Fund. The Government of Uttar Pradesh is facing financial crisis due to which no work has been started there on the emergent and longterm scheme so far. Due to lack of funds no relief work has started in the affected areas.

A culvert has broken near Mahua village on Agra Fatehpur-Sikari main highway. The construction work of the said culvert is included in the Eighth Five Year Plan. The estimates of it are pending with the Ministry of Surface Transport. Had the construction of culvert been completed, destruction would not have occurred in the villages of Agra. Due to the broken culvert water could not be channelised to the other side as a result